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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
10 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 JASON EDWARD THOMAS  
CARDIFF,

15 Defendant.  
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Case No. 5:23-cr-00021-JGB

**DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF  
UNOPPOSED *EX PARTE*  
APPLICATION TO SHORTEN  
TIME**

*[Filed concurrently with Ex Parte  
Application; [Proposed] Order]*

DECLARATION OF STEPHEN G. LARSON

I, Stephen G. Larson, declare as follows:

1. I am a partner with Larson LLP, and I represent Jason Cardiff in this matter. I make this declaration in support of Defendant Jason Cardiff's Unopposed *Ex Parte* Application to Shorten Time.

2. Trial in this matter is set for September 3, 2024.

3. Lodged concurrently with this unopposed *ex parte* application to shorten time is a motion seeking to withdraw as counsel for Mr. Cardiff. Given the upcoming trial date, I believe it is in the parties' best interest to resolve the motion expeditiously. For this reason, I am requesting that the Court hear the motion on a shortened schedule and set a hearing for July 29, 2024.

4. On July 15, 2024, my law partner, Hilary Potashner, informed the government of our intention to file the motion seeking to withdraw as counsel for Mr. Cardiff and requested its position on this application to shorten time. The government indicated that it is not opposed to hearing the motion to withdraw on July 29, 2024.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 17th day of July, 2024, at Los Angeles, California.

/s/ Stephen G. Larson  
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